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AMENDMENT C

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS,

SIR:

In response to the Office action mailed May 6, 2005, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.

Conclusion is on page 5 of this paper.